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Consideration and entry of the attached Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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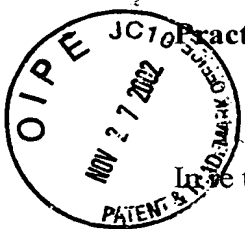
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, References AG - AJ are discussed on the attached sheet "Brief explanation of the references" as authored by applicants' Japanese representative.

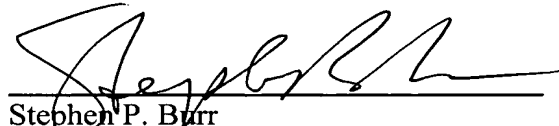
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